Introduced by Senator Correa

February 16, 2011

An act relating to pupil rights.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 453, as introduced, Correa. Pupil rights: bullying.

Existing law prohibits the suspension of a pupil from school or the recommendation of a pupil for expulsion from school unless a school district superintendent or the principal of the school in which the pupil is enrolled determines that the pupil has committed any of several specified acts, among which is having engaged in an act of bullying. For the purposes of this provision, bullying is defined to include an act of sexual harassment or hate violence, or threats or intimidation directed against school pupils or personnel, and to include bullying committed by electronic means, as defined.

This bill would express the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would ensure that appropriate actions are taken and reporting requirements are implemented for public elementary and secondary school pupils who are facing possible suspension or expulsion as a result of alleged incidents of bullying, as defined.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact
- 2 legislation that would ensure that appropriate actions are taken
- 3 and reporting requirements are implemented for public elementary
- 4 and secondary school pupils who are facing possible suspension

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- or expulsion under Article 1 (commencing with Section 48900)
 of Chapter 6 of Part 27 of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Education
 Code as a result of alleged incidents of bullying.